

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/809,064

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the appeal brief filed 30 July 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27 and 30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: ____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08);
Paper No./Mail Date ____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-27 and 30 are pending as amended on 6 November 2006.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, US Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Response to Argument

3. Applicant's argument, in the appeal brief filed 30 July 2007—particularly that US Patent 6,361,887 (Shi hereinafter) teaches a polymer having at least two repeat units, which would therefore require the compound taught to have greater than 12 carbocyclic rings, wherein the instant claims require the compound to have up to 12 carbocyclic rings—has been fully considered and is persuasive.

The rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 24 and 30 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shi has been withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 25-27 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shi in view of US Patent Application Publication 2002/0027416 (Kim hereinafter) has been withdrawn.

Election/Restrictions

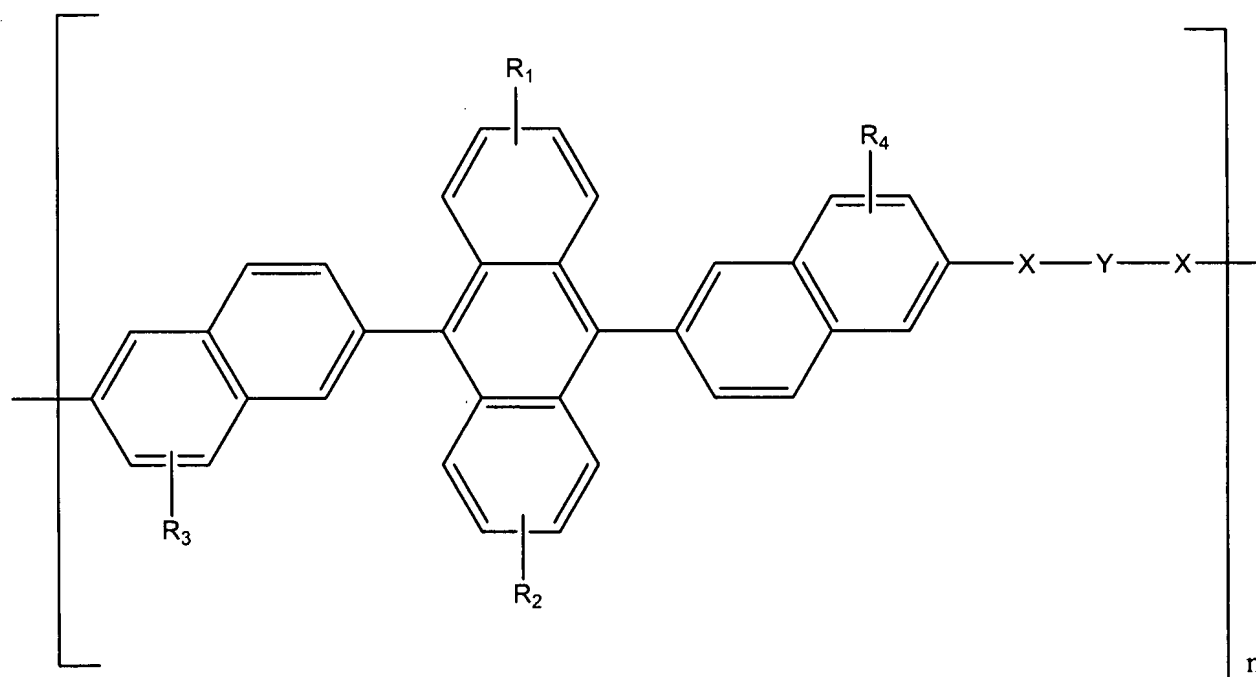
4. Since no prior art was found that anticipates or renders obvious the elected species, the search of the Markush-type claim was extended. Further, claims 2, 7, 11, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22 and 23 were rejoined and fully examined.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-27 and 30 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Shi teaches similar electroluminescent devices to those claimed and teaches a light emitting layer including an anthracene material of the structure



which repeating unit reads on the anthracene material of the instant claims; however, Shi teaches that the material is a polymer, which would require at least two repeating units and teaches molecular weights of at least twice that of the repeating unit; therefore

the anthracene material taught by Shi has at least 14 carbocyclic rings, which is distinguished from the limitation "up to 12 carbocyclic rings" of independent claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy J. Kugel whose telephone number is (571) 272-1460. The examiner can normally be reached 6:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

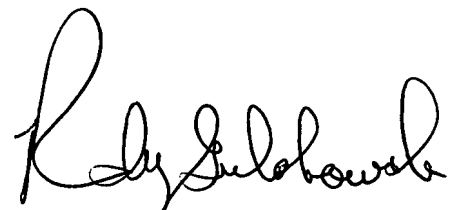
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/TJK/

Patent Examiner, AU 1712

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Gulakowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

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